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*Whereas, The basis of the American economy and culture was rooted in an agrarian society, an important legacy for Americans to remember. Farms and agribusinesses continue to contribute significantly to state and national tax bases;*

*Whereas, March fifteenth to the twenty-first is National Agriculture Week reminding citizens across the country of the importance of our agricultural heritage and its current influence on our daily lives;*

*Whereas, Indiana has a rich agricultural history rooted not only in the soil, but in its people. Currently, Indiana is home to almost sixty one thousand farms encompassing over fourteen million acres;*

*Whereas, More than sixteen percent of Indiana's workforce is connected to agriculture. Currently 573,874 Hoosiers are employed by the farm, food, or forestry industries;*

*Whereas, Indiana agricultural producers generated more than eight billion dollars in agricultural receipts from a wide variety of commodities including field crops, horticulture, animal agriculture, and timber; and*



*Whereas, As our state and national population continues to increase, it is vital to our cultural survival to recognize and remember the important role agriculture plays in sustaining our society and way of life; Therefore:*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

- 1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly hereby
- 2 recognizes the importance of agriculture in the Indiana and national
- 3 economies for its remarkable ability in providing food, fibers,
- 4 pharmaceuticals, and energy to meet the basic human needs of our
- 5 society.
- 6           SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly hereby
- 7 recognizes the efforts of the men and women of Indiana agriculture for
- 8 their dedication and productivity towards a prosperous state.
- 9           SECTION 3. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
- 10 to distribute a copy of this resolution to Indiana Lieutenant Governor
- 11 Becky Skillman, Center for Agricultural Science and Heritage, Indiana
- 12 Agricultural Statistics, Indiana Association of Soil and Water
- 13 Conservation Districts, Indiana Beef Cattle Association, Indiana
- 14 Beekeepers Association, Indiana Corn Growers Association, Indiana
- 15 4-H Foundation, Indiana FFA Organization, Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc.,
- 16 Indiana Horse Council, Inc., Indiana Pork Producers Association,
- 17 Indiana Sheep Association, Indiana Soybean Board, Indiana State
- 18 Board of Animal Health, Indiana State Department of Agriculture,
- 19 Indiana State Poultry Association, Indiana Veterinary Medical
- 20 Association, Indiana Wine Grape Council, Milk Promotion Services of
- 21 Indiana (American Dairy Association of Indiana), Purdue University
- 22 College of Agriculture, Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, USDA
- 23 Farm Service Agency, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service,
- 24 and USDA Rural Development.

